

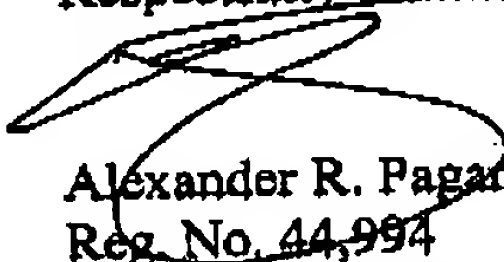
BEST AVAILABLE COPY**II. REMARKS**

Claims 9-17 are currently pending in this application. Of these, claims 9-14 and 16-17 stand rejected, and claim 15 is objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 9 is amended to recite that the activated carbon fabric comprises "an active surface area in the range of 1,500 m²/g". Support for this amendment is found in Applicant's specification (see published patent application US 2003/0033701) at paragraph [0016].

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and the telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on September 22, 2004, between Examiner Tugbang and Alexander R. Pagano, Applicant has overcome all rejections, and reconsideration is requested. No fee is believed due for entry of this amendment. If any fee is required, however, please charge the required fee to deposit account number 501358. A petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with fee authorization is filed herewith.

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